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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hirotaka TODAKA et al.) Group Art Unit: Not Assigned
Application No.: Not Assigned) Examiner: Not Assigned
Filed: February 23, 2004)
For: PARTIALLY REINFORCING)
METHOD AND APPARATUS OF)
METAL MATERIAL)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A partial reinforcing method of a metal material for reinforcing a part of the a metal material, comprised of comprising:
a first press step for generating a plastic strain by a plastic flow of metal material on a front surface and a rear surface of the part to be reinforced, to form a front convex-concave surface and a rear convex-concave surface; and

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